IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Carol Colrain et al.

Serial No.: 10/086,782

Filed: February 28, 2002

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

PROVIDING COOPERATIVE RESOURCE GROUPS FOR HIGH AVAILABILITY APPLICATIONS

Confirmation Number: 8991

Group Art Unit: 2167

Examiner: Harold E. Dodds

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2004, the shortened statutory period for which runs until January 7, 2005. In order to place the application in condition for allowance, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.